

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Jean-Marc Guillaume et al.

Examiner: **Barnhart, L E**

Application No.: **10/823,142**

Art Unit: **1651**

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Title: **METHOD FOR OBTAINING
MASTOCYTE LINES FROM PIG
TISSUES AND FOR PRODUCING
HEPARIN-TYPE MOLECULES**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated September 27, 2006 in the above-referenced application, and to comply with the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-8, "drawn to a method for obtaining mastocytes comprising culturing bone marrow stem cells, classified in class 435, subclass 377", without traverse. Applicants respectively point out that Groups XX and XXI repeat Claims 54-58 and Claim 59 with Groups XIV and XV in the Office Communication, and Claims 70-75 of the above referenced application are not classified in any group.

Since Group I and Groups II & III are related to process of making and product made, Applicants affirm that both Group II, Claim 9, which is "drawn to porcine mastocytes that may be obtained from the method of Group I, classified in class 435, subclass 325", and Group III, Claims 10-16 and 22-47, which is "drawn to porcine mastocytes with particular properties, classified in class 435, subclass 325", should be subject to rejoinder if Group I is allowable.

Applicants also reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

Applicants request for a four-month extension of time accompany this response, extending the period of reply to February 27, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,

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